

2006 Poultry Summary

Iowa

Chicken inventories in the state totaled 61.6 million birds on hand December 1, 2006, and represented a 5 percent increase from the same date the previous year. Average number of layers on hand during 2006 was 51.6 million, 6 percent above the 48.8 million birds during 2005. Egg production per bird, at 268 eggs, was up 2 eggs from 2005. Total egg production for 2006 was 13.81 billion eggs, 6 percent above the previous year. In 2006 the value of

production from eggs was \$406.9 million, up from \$335.3 million in 2005. The eggs produced brought an average of 35.4 cents per dozen, up from 31.0 cents per dozen in 2005.

An estimated 79.7 million egg-type chicks were produced in Iowa hatcheries during 2006, up nearly 6 percent from the 75.1 million produced in 2005.

United States

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2006 was \$26.8 billion, down 5 percent from the \$28.2 billion in 2005. Of the combined total, 70 percent was from broilers, 16 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2006 was \$18.9 billion, down 10 percent from 2005. The total number of broilers produced in 2006 was 8.88 billion, up slightly from 2005. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2006 was 48.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2005. The 2006 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 38.6 cents per pound, compared with 43.6 cents in 2005.

Value of all egg production in 2006 was \$4.39 billion, up 8 percent from the \$4.05 billion in 2005. Egg

production totaled 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.0 billion eggs produced in 2005. In 2006, all eggs averaged 57.9 cents per dozen, compared with 54.0 cents in 2005.

The value of turkeys produced during 2006 was \$3.55 billion, up 12 percent from the \$3.18 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2006 totaled 7.42 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 7.10 billion pounds produced in 2005. The average price received by producers during 2006 was 47.9 cents per pound, compared with 44.9 cents in 2005.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2006 was \$53.1 million, down 18 percent from the \$64.7 million a year ago. Prices averaged 5.8 cents per pound, compared with 6.5 cents in 2005. The number of chickens sold in 2006 totaled 172 million, down 11 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

